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Applicants: Linda B. Buck and Richard Axel
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Sir:

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants hereby request a three-month extension of time for filing a response to the August 14, 2003 Final Office Action. A response to the Final Office Action was originally due on November 14, 2003. Applicants filed an Amendment in Response to August 14, 2003 Final Office Action on November 14, 2003. The fee for a three-month extension of time is FOUR HUNDRED AND SEVENTY-FIVE DOLLARS (\$475.00) for a small entity and a check for that amount is enclosed. With the three-month extension, a response to the August 14, 2003 Final Office Action is due February 14, 2004. Accordingly, the subject application is pending today for the purpose of filing a Notice of Appeal.

No fee, other than the enclosed \$475.00 fee for a three-month extension of time, is deemed necessary. However, if any additional

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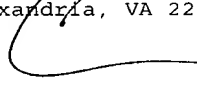
fee is required, authorization is hereby given to charge the amount
of any such fee to Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

Respectfully submitted,



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